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LTBB COMMERCIAL FISHER SMALL GRANT PROGRAM
POLICY

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) members may apply to the LTBB NRC for small Grants for commercial fishing purposes.

1. Grants will be processed on a first come first served basis. Interested tribal members must complete and submit a properly filled out “LTBB Small Grant Application Form” in order to be placed on the list. Forms can be obtained from the LTBB Natural Resource Department and may be submitted in person or via mail.
2. Eligibility:
 - a) Must be a Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Member.
 - b) Must not be currently participating in one of the Tribe’s trap net operations.
 - c) Must have valid LTBB Commercial Captains License.
 - d) Must not be currently incarcerated.
 - e) Current *LTBB Leased Small Boat Program* participants are not eligible.
 - f) Must not currently be in default on any other Tribal or NRD financial assistance programs.
3. Criteria:
 - a) Must be able to demonstrate commercial fishing experience. Preference will be given to successful participants in the *LTBB Leased Small Boat Program*.
 - b) Applicant must have and present a competent written business plan, which demonstrates ability and cash flow.
 - c) Grant expenses used to cover start up cost, which may include wages, maintenance or other operating cost must not account for more than 10% of the requested Grant.
 - d) Grant value must be commensurate with value of purchased equipment.
 - e) Grant must be used to commercially exercise treaty fishing rights within the 1836 Ceded Territory waters.
 - f) Grants will be awarded subject to available funding.

4. The maximum amount of funds a tribal member may receive through this program is \$10,000. However, a tribal member may request less.
5. This program shall be funded by the 2000 Consent Decree Commercial Fishery Support Program Small Grant line item. Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) have been allocated for the 2006 fiscal year.
6. Approval/Denial:
 - a) Upon receiving a completed Grant application (shall include a business plan and budget), the NRC will review the Grant at the next regularly scheduled NRC meeting.
 - b) Grants will be reviewed and evaluated by the NRC based upon eligibility and criteria components of the policy.
 - c) Upon completion of the review and evaluation process, the NRC will approve or deny the Grant. All Grant applicants will be notified of the NRC's decision in writing within 45 days.
 - d) Grants may be approved in whole or part.
 - e) Grantee shall submit receipts of all expenditures over \$500 within three (3) months of grant award. Failure to submit receipts may result in repayment of funds.